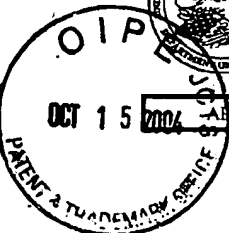


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- ☒ Payment of the surcharge of \$65 for late filing of the basic filing fee and/or declaration and payment of \$215.00 for the two (2) months extension of time.
- ☒ A check in the total amount of \$280.00 is attached;
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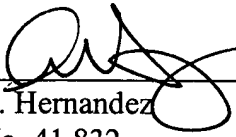
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Respectfully submitted,

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